



## **Sustainable Use of Wetlands and Water Conventions: Contributions of International Water Treaties to the SDGs**

**Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL)  
and the Ramsar Convention Secretariat  
COP 12 - 6 June 2015  
13:15-14:45 in Punta del Este Room B**

### **INVITATION**

As the international community works to finalize the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), it is imperative to consider how legal measures developed under parallel processes and complementary treaty regimes can support implementation of the SDGs on water and wetlands. As decision-makers, experts, professionals and civil society leaders, you are invited to join an International Roundtable at CoP12 of the Ramsar Convention to share knowledge and set the new agenda for synergies among international water treaties to support achievement of the ambitious SDGs on water and wetlands.

### **CoP12 Side-Event Format**

This roundtable will bring decision-makers and policy specialists from key countries, specialized UN agencies and international organizations, indigenous and local communities and legal experts and practitioners to help define the contribution of international law towards the post-2015 development agenda for water. In this roundtable, participants will help to define a complementary new law, governance and research agenda for the world's international water regime, setting new priorities for achievement of the SDGs.

### **Objectives**

- Highlight synergies, interfaces and common principles among the New York, Helsinki and Ramsar Conventions on water and wetlands
- Identify alignments and contributions of the international water regime to the achievement of SDG 6 and other relevant SDGs
- Develop new law and governance research priorities, proposals and partnerships

On Saturday 6 June 2015 at 13:15 in Punta del Este Room B, after an opening address and a senior experts panel on new trends in international water regimes, please join this roundtable discussion to share leading national experiences and build new partnerships.





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**Opening Address:** Dr. Ania Grobicki, Deputy Secretary General, Ramsar Convention Secretariat.

**Chair:** Dr. Sibylle Vermont, Deputy Head of Global Affairs, International Affairs Division  
Federal Office for the Environment of Switzerland

### *International Experts Panel*

**Moderator:** Dr. Marie Claire Cordonier Segger, Senior Legal Advisor, Ramsar Convention / Senior  
Director, CISDL & Fellow, LCIL, University of Cambridge

**Presentation:** Mr. Freedom-Kai Phillips, Legal Research Fellow, Centre for International  
Sustainable Development Law (CISDL)

### *Expert Discussants:*

**Prof. Royal Gardner**, Chair, Ramsar Convention Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) /  
Professor, Stetson University College of Law

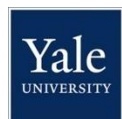
**Prof. Maria Lechner Reynal**, Executive Director, Fundación Ecos & Founder, ECCOSUR

**Prof. Patricia Farnese**, Professor, University of Saskatchewan College of Law

### *International Roundtable:*

**Highlights of Best Practices and Lessons Learned in Implementing the Water and Wetlands  
Conventions from Leading Countries of Europe, Asia - Pacific, Africa, the Americas**

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